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SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT ON COFFEE RUSE DISEASE CONTROL CAMPAIGN

REF: MANAGUA 1229 AND PREVIOUS (NOTAL)

1. NICARAGUA'S STRUGGLE TO ERADICATE THE COFFEE RUSE (FIRST DISCOVERED IN NOVEMBER OF 1976 IN THE CARAZO REGION OF THE COUNTRY) CONTINUES. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE SOURCES INDICATE THAT DURING THE MONTH OF MAY THREE INFECTED TREES WERE DISCOVERED AND DESTROYED. AT PRESENT, THERE ARE NO KNOWN DISEASED TREES, DESPITE THE RECENT HEAVY RAINFALLS WHICH TEND TO SPREAD THE RUST.

2. THE ERADICATION CAMPAIGN WILL BE CONTINUED THROUGH 1978 AND POSSIBLY INTO 1979. FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE RAINY SEASON (WHICH GENERALLY LASTS THROUGH NOVEMBER), THE NUMBER OF FIELD INSPECTORS ASSIGNED TO THE QUANTINED AREA WILL BE INCREASED FROM 1200 TO 1700. THE GON IS VERY INTERESTED IN CONTINUING ITS SUCCESS RECORD AGAINST THE RUST AND THIS INCREASE IN PERSONNEL WILL ALLOW THE QUANTINED AREA TO BE COMPLETELY INSPECTED IN 21 DAYS, INSTEAD OF 30 DAYS.

3. THE SPECIAL FUND OF DONATIONS FROM THE OTHER CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES, MEXICO, AND PANAMA DO AID NICARAGUA IN ITS ERADICATION CAMPAIGN, IS BEING ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE CENTRAL AMERICAN BANK  
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FOR ECONOMIC INTEGRATION (CABEL). THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENTS HAVE INSTRUCTED THEIR RESPECTIVE CENTRAL BANKS TO MAKE THE DEPOSITS TO CABEL, MINISTRY SOURCES INDICATED.

4. THE MINISTRY REMAINS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A COMPLETE ERADICATION OF THE RUST.  
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